ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 13, 1855.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 12th, 1855.

The Committee chosen to reckon and settle with the Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$964 51
Cash borrowed,	825 00
" State School Fund,	76 80
" State Paupers,	5 49
" Stony Brook Railroad Dividends,	30 00
" Overseers of the Poor,	123 76
" T. P. Wright, Collector prior to October 6, 1854,	2131 06
" " " " December 6, "	811 98
" " " after " "	1090 00
" D. C. Butterfield, Collector, in full for 1850,	17 00
" " " interest on balance,	2 52
" Edward Prescott, Collector, in full for 1851 and 1852,	22 68
" T. P. Wright, Collector, in full for 1853,	12 63
" All other sources	1 50
Amounting to	$6114 93

PAYMENTS.

John Osgood, Note and Interest,	308 05
J. W. P. Abbot, Note and Interest,	353 68
Interest on Notes,	46 50
County Tax for 1854,	808 67
State Tax for 1854,	414 00
Orders,	3471 74
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	712 29
	$6114 93

Your Committe further report that the Town is indebted to the following named persons, to wit:

Jesse Wright, Note and Interest,	$394 43
Sally Adams " "	104 16
John Osgood, " "	309 40
" " " "	180 74
Outstanding Orders,	36 81
Other Claims estimated at	200 00
Due several School Districts,	995 83
Due Master of Poor House,	260 00
	$2481 37

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$712 29	
5 Shares Stony Brook Rail Road,	500 00	
Dividend accumulated on said Shares,	7 50	
		$1219 79
Leaving a balance against the Town, of		$1261 58
Amount of debt 1854,		496 39
Increase of debt,		$765 19

The Committee recommend to the Town to raise the sum of $2000, to defray Town debts and charges.

T. P. Wright, Collector for 1854, has a balance of $29 40 in his hands, which is not reckoned in the Resources of the Town, on account of the uncertainty of the amount to be realised therefrom.

J. W. P. ABBOT,
SOLOMON RICHARDSON, } Committee.
LEVI SNOW,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Westford, for the year ending March 5th, 1855, submit the following Report:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

CLAIMS DUE PRIOR TO MARCH 6, 1854.

Paid J. W. P. Abbot, for services and cash paid in suit of Parkhurst vs. the Town,	$216 59
" Buttrick & Marrett, for services in suit of Parkhurst vs. the Town,	100 00
" Solomon Richardson, for appraising property at Poor-Farm,	1 50
" Benjamin Osgood, for doctoring at Poor-House,	18 28
" Lowell Advertiser Office, for Printing 400 Reports in 1853,	10 00
" William Chandler, for services on Committee in regard to flowing the Poor-Farm, and going to Concord to see Otis Howard,	5 00
" Thadeus A. Blodgett, for numbering Scholars in 1853,	1 00
" Joseph Hildreth, for going to Lowell to get Report printed and paying express,	1 25
" S. D. Fletcher, for numbering Scholars in School District, No. 1,	1 00
" " " drawing Pauper money of State Treasurer,	25
" " " " School money,	25
" " " paying State Tax,	50
" " " " County Tax,	1 00
" " " entertaining Com. to reckon and settle with Treas.,	1 00
" " " Services as Town Treasurer,	12 00
" D. C. Butterfield, for appraising property at the Poor-Farm,	1 50
" William W. Googhue, for attending Funerals with Hearse,	17 40
" William E. Hildreth, for services as School Committee,	6 00
" I. W. Hutchins, " " "	25 00
" Edward Symmes, " " "	25 00
" T. Keyes, for Numbering Scholars in District No. 2,	1 00
" First Parish and Union Society, for tolling bell for funerals and deaths,	15 00
	$460 52

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AFTER MARCH 6th, 1854.

Paid First Parish, for use of Town Hall and Fuel,	33 00
" David C. Butterfield, for services as Liquor Agent,	17 63
" " " for entertaining Town Officers in March,	7 50
" " " " " " November,	4 00
" " " for boarding Assessors eleven days,	16 50
" " " for use of Room at sundry times,	4 75
" " " for Stationery and Postage,	3 79
Amount carried forward,	$87 17

Amount brought forward,	$87 17
Paid John Cutter, for perambulating Town Line between Westford and Littleton,	1 50
" John Cutter, for taking Invoice and making Taxes, 18 days,	22 50
" " for services as Selectman,	5 00
" Alden P. Osgood, for perambulating Town Line between Westford and Littleton,	1 50
" Alden P. Osgood, for taking Invoice and making Taxes, 17 days,	21 25
" " for making this Report and going to Lowell to get the same printed,	4 25
" Alden P. Osgood, for services as Selectman,	5 00
" Timothy P. Wright, for collecting Taxes,	50 37
" " " for taking Invoice and making Taxes, 16 days,	20 00
" " " for services as Selectman,	5 00
" Leonard Luce, for Stationery,	50
" " " for paying express on Books,	75
" " " for recording 51 Births,	10 20
" " " " 39 Deaths,	5 85
" " " " 10 Marriages,	1 00
" " " for making out Report to Secretary of State, of Births, Marriages, and Deaths,	3 00
" Leonard Luce, for services as Town Clerk,	12 00
" Darius A. Dow, for to purchase Liquors,	50 00
" William Lewis, for summoning Witnesses on Barnard Reed's complaint,	2 23
" S. J. Varney, for Printing 50 Bills,	1 25
" " " 6 Blank Books,	6 50
	$316 82

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

David C. Butterfield, Abatement of Tax in 1850,	$3 00
Patrick Moran, " of Highway Tax in 1851,	43
Ephraim Abbott, " " 1854,	18 00
John Farrar, " of Highway " 1853,	99
Stewart P. Wright, " " " 1853,	2 51
Matthew Griffin, " " " 1854,	2 43
Edward Prescott, Collector, Abatement in 1851–1852,	27 62
Timothy P. Wright, " " 1853,	15 20
" " " " 1854,	24 31
" " error in Tax Book 1853,	2 30
	$96 79

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Claims due prior to March 6th, 1854.

Paid George Laws, for breaking roads,	$ 6 50
" John Dane, work on roads,	2 00
" William Chandler, breaking roads,	5 00
" Jeremy B. Reed, " "	8 94
" Calvin Howard, " "	1 57
" Samuel Smith, land damage for a road laid out in 1853,	25 00
" Terrence McGuire, land damage for a road laid out in 1853,	3 00
" Imlay Keyes, damage done to his horse,	30 00
Amount carried forward,	$82 01

Amount brought forward,	$82 01
Paid Thaddeus A. Blodgett, breaking roads,	9 62
" J. W. Hutchins, " "	6 63
" Trueworthy Keyes, " "	9 63
" Reuben Wright, " "	6 25
" Asia Nutting, work on roads,	12 00
" Oliver Woodward, breaking roads,	6 00
	$132 14

ROADS AND BRIDGES—CONTINUED.

Claims arising after March 6th, 1854.

Paid George Laws, for repairing road in Tadmuck Swamp,	$21 33
" David P. Lawrence, making two pieces new road laid out in 1853, and a bridge in north part of the Town,	184 96
" " " repairing road leading from Middle of the Town to Westford Depot,	51 74
" Terrence McGuire, building stone wall on new road laid out in 1853,	20 16
" Solomon Richardson, repairing road leading from Imla Keyes's to Westford Depot,	8 00
" William Edes, work done on road near George W. Abbott's,	27 25
" Samuel N. Burbeck, work on roads,	4 50
" " " " Swamp road,	22 00
" Samuel Wiley, " " "	160 12
" Benja. A. Reed, " " "	142 31
" Josiah Vose, railing on " "	5 49
" " " " on road near G. W. Cowdry's,	5 86
" " " work done on Swamp road,	25 77
" George M. Harlow, overlaying stone bridge near T. Keyes's house, and enlarging it,	12 00
" William Chandler, repairing roads,	20 00
" Erastus Wright, building stone bridge,	18 00
" Bela Wright, repairing road,	6 00
" " " furnishing stone for a bridge,	4 00
" Thomas Richardson, repairing stone bridge,	3 00
" John Cutter, letting out road in T. Swamp,	75
" " " to 1 day's work on " " road,	1 25
" " " for getting help do work on Swamp road at sundry times, and viewing the same,	3 00
" " " for letting out road near William Chandler's, and a road near T. McGuire's,	1 00
" " " for viewing and accepting the road near W. Chandler's,	75
" " " for viewing and accepting road near T. McGuire's,	1 00
" Alden P. Osgood, viewing and letting out road near William Chandler's, and road near T. McGuire's,	75
" " " viewing and letting out Swamp road,	1 50
" " " " roads for repairs, at sundry times,	1 50
" " " paying S. J. Varney's bill for Road Notices,	1 00
" T. P. Wright, letting out road in Tadmuck Swamp,	75
" " " viewing and accepting road near Wm. Chandler's, and viewing T. M'Guire's wall,	2 75
" " " viewing roads at sundry times,	1 75
" Francis K. Proctor, repairing stone bridge,	3 50
" Abijah Fletcher, work on road leading by his house, 25 days,	33 33
" James O'Brine, cutting brush,	10 50
	$807 57

SCHOOLS.

Sum raised by the Town in 1854,	$1,200 00
Received from the State,	76 80
	$1,276 80

One half the sum, $638 40, divided equally among 10 Districts, gives each $63 84. The balance, $638 40, divided among 487 scholars, gives each $1 31.

Dist. No.	1	has 114	scholars,	and rec.	$149 46	+ 63 84	—	equal to	$213 30
"	2	75	"	"	98 33	"	"	"	162 17
"	3	34	"	"	44 57	"	"	"	108 41
"	4	36	"	"	47 20	"	"	"	111 04
"	5	53	"	"	69 48	"	"	"	133 32
"	6	36	"	"	47 20	"	"	"	111 04
"	7	56	"	"	73 42	"	"	"	137 26
"	8	21	"	"	27 53	"	"	"	91 37
"	9	36	"	"	47 20	"	"	"	111 04
"	10	26	"	"	34 09	"	"	"	97 93
		487	scholars.						$1,276 88

RECAPITULATION

Money raised for Town debts and charges,		$1,600 00
" " " Schools,		1,200 00
" " " Overlayings,		96 59
Highway Tax returned unworked,		79 03
County Tax,		808 67
State Tax,		414 00
		$4,198 29
No. of Polls,	385	
Paid Claims due due prior to March 6th, 1854.		
Incidental expenses,		$460 52
Roads and Bridges,		132 14
Taxes ordered 1850-1853,		49 75
		$642 41
Claims arising after March 6th, 1854.		
Paid Incidental Expenses,		$316 82
" for Roads and Bridges,		807 57
" Taxes ordered in 1854,		47 04
" Poor,		499 32
		$1,670 75
The amount of Orders, including abatement of Taxes, drawn upon the Treasury,		$2,313 16

JOHN CUTTER,
ALDEN P. OSGOOD,
TIMOTHY P. WRIGHT, } Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the Poor, from February 7th, 1854, to February 10, 1855.

Amount of Personal Property at the Poor House, including Farming Tools, Stock, &c., as by the appraisal of the Committee, Feb. 10, 1855,		$1,411 72
Appraisal, February 7th, 1854,		1,373 53
Gain of Personal Property,		$38 19
Income from the Farm, as by Willis Wilder's book.—		
Butter, (924½ lbs.)		$225 39
Seven fat calves, $47 25; 2 young calves, $4 50,		51 75
Milk, $8 47, one hog, $33 25, 2 cows, $58 00,		99 72
Salted beef, pork and bacon, $2 18, lard, $8 83,		11 01
Poultry, $9 94, eggs, $14 89, hay, $48 90,		73 73
Straw, $21 51, apples, $107 31, dried apple, $2 83,		131 65
Vinegar and cider, $13 69, cranberries, $55 50,		69 19
Potatoes, $33 56, garden vegetables, $11 45, beans, $6 49,		51 50
Grain, $1 37, old iron, $8 51, lumber $7 88,		17 76
Work done off the Farm, $11 27, one old ox sled, $4 00,		15 27
Use of cart and wagon,		2 46
		$749 43
The Overseers have drawn from the Treasury,	$499 32	
" " received for sale of cow,	30 32	
" " " from State for Paupers,	20 93	
		550 57
		$1,300 00
Payments made by Willis Wilder, Master, &c.—		
D. C. Butterfield, $22 91; S. & S. D. Fletcher, $24 44,		$47 35
D. C. Mead, 99 cts.; Nichols & Co., 60 64; L. Crowell, 5 81,		67 44
Groceries of others, 4 52; Ira Leland, meat, $10 64,		15 16
One quarter beef, 6 63; meat, 2 71; fresh fish, 1 49,		10 83
Grain and meal, 34 18; medicine for Mrs. Henderson, 10 08,		44 26
Medicine for S. Richardson, 2 00; for others, 1 43,		3 43
Dr. D. A. Dow's bill, 8 75; labor on the Farm, 82 34,		91 09
Labor haying, 42 87; women's work, 21 95,		64 82
Clothing and bedclothes, 12 40; barrels, baskets and coopering 9 07,		21 47
Sawing lumber, 5 42; making cider, 2 35; butchering hogs, 1 33,		9 10
Fixing saw frames and saws, 1 79; blacksmithing, 15 69,		17 48
Team, 2 74; repairing pump, 1 00; two cows, 75 00,		78 74
Two pigs, 13 59; two tons plaster, 12 00,		25 59
Pasturing oxen and one heifer,		11 30
Sundries, 13 36; grass-seed, 5 71; carpenter work, 6 97,		26 04
Churn, butter-worker, butter-moulds and milk-pans,		7 17
Amount carried forward,		$541 27

Amount brought forward,		$541 27
Horse-collar and tie-rein, 3 09; farming tools, 7 65,		10 74
Ox-cart,		55 98
Payments made by the Overseers.—		
A. B. Cutter, services as Master, 1853,	$250 00	
" " balance due him as by book,	19 43	
William S. Comey, for a horse,	125 00	
J. B. Fletcher, Esq., for horse wagon,	30 00	
Abel Corey,	9 00	
Frederick Scott, ($30 of which was for 1853)	74 46	
Expense of removing Nichols to State Almshouse,	2 30	
N. S. Hamblin, going to Medford twice,	5 50	
" " going to Roxbury and Boston about Betsey Hunstable,	6 50	
" " services as Overseer,	5 00	
Caleb Wight, paid Town of Concord for Eunice Hildreth,	18 50	
" " " " Chelmsford for James Kemp,	2 43	
" " paid for shoes for Ann Whittaker,	92	
" " journey to Medford, about Scott family,	3 00	
" " two journeys to Concord about E. Hildreth,	4 50	
" " journey to Chelmsford about J. Kemp,	1 00	
" " services as Overseer,	5 00	
Cash paid into the Treasury,	123 76	
		686 30
Balance cash in hands of Overseers,		5 71
		$1,300 00

Statement of the expense of the Poor above the income of the Farm, for the year ending Feb. 10, 1855.—

Amount of cash drawn from the Treasury,		$499 32
Received from State for Paupers,		20 93
		$520 25
Amount paid into the Treasury,	$123 76	
Gain of Personal Property, as by appraisal, Feb. 10, 1855,	38 19	
Cash in hands of Overseers,	5 17	
		167 66
Cost of supporting Poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm,		$352 59

Of the above sum, $121 61 have been incurred on account of Paupers not occupants of the Alms-House.

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
CALEB WIGHT,
DAVID P. LAWRENCE, } Overseers of the Poor.

Westford, Feb. 10th, 1855.

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